

Think Avian Flu!

Protect yourself and your community
Prevent spread of avian influenza

Screen **hospitalized/ambulatory** patients with
T >38°C (>100.4°F) AND cough, sore throat
or shortness of breath

FOR

Travel to an affected country* ≤10 days before
symptom onset AND contact with potentially
infected poultry** or suspect or confirmed
human case of H5N1 influenza

Screen **hospitalized** patients with **unexplained**
CXR-confirmed pneumonia, ARDS, or other
severe respiratory illness

FOR

Travel to a country* with documented cases of
influenza A/H5N1 in poultry or humans
≤10 days before symptom onset

*Outbreaks are ongoing in parts of Asia, Africa, the Pacific, Europe, and the Near East. For an updated listing of affected countries, see the WHO website at http://www.who.int/csr/disease/avian_influenza/en/ or the CDC website at <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/avian/outbreaks/current.htm>.

** Poultry exposure: One of the following: close contact with domestic poultry (at a poultry farm, household raising poultry, bird market, etc.); consumption of uncooked poultry or poultry products; direct contact with surfaces contaminated with poultry feces. It does NOT include exposure to cooked or processed poultry.

- ✓ Report patients with above exposure history immediately to **infection control** and **public health** as potential *Avian Influenza* patients.
- ✓ Testing should include rapid testing for influenza A, and PCR of nasopharyngeal specimen for influenza at the Georgia Public Health Lab.
- ✓ Viral culture should NOT be performed because of danger to lab workers and agriculture.
- ✓ Acute- (within 1 week of illness onset) and convalescent-phase (after 3 weeks of illness onset) serum sample should be collected and stored in case testing for antibody to the avian influenza virus should be needed.
- ✓ **Infection control measures** for potential Avian Influenza patients:
 - Standard Precautions: Careful hand hygiene
 - Contact & Droplet Precautions: Gloves, gown, eye protection ≤3 feet from the patient
 - Airborne Precautions: Patient in negative pressure, airborne isolation room; use a fit-tested NIOSH-approved N-95 respirator in room.

Infection Control: Extension



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